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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/63/12).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement, under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including democracy and human rights groups and all relevant parties, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard; (b) to give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner; and (c) to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session as well as to the Human Rights Council on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

3. The activities related to the implementation of the requests are described in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the statement, and paragraphs 8 to 11 contain information on the estimated resource requirements. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General estimates that the cost of continuing the good-offices efforts through his Special Adviser on Myanmar for a one-year period (1 January to 31 December 2009) would amount to $837,700 gross ($753,200 net). A summary of

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the related costs is provided in the Secretary-General's proposed budget for special political missions (A/63/346/Add.1 and Corr.1, paras. 2-17), in line with the Advisory Committee's request to consolidate the overall resources for all special political missions.

4. The request contained in the last part of operative paragraph 6 (a) of the draft resolution concerning the provision of technical assistance to the Government would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Regarding the request in paragraph 6 (b), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Committee notes that the Secretary-General informed the Human Rights Council that the related requirements (estimated at $72,200 per annum or $144,400 per biennium) would be provided under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and that he would inform the General Assembly of those requirements in his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh and eighth sessions, in 2008 (see A/63/541 and Add.1). No additional resources are requested for section 23 at this time.

5. **Bearing in mind that which is stated in paragraph 12 of the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/12), the Fifth Committee may wish to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, a total of up to $837,700 gross ($753,200 net) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Those requirements would be charged against the provision proposed for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as submitted to the General Assembly during its current session (see A/63/346/Add.1 and Corr.1 and the related report of the Advisory Committee, A/63/593).**